

West Side and City Suburban

MUSIC PREDOMINATED.

It Was the Leading Feature of the Christmas Church Services in This Part of the City.

Almost all of the churches on this side conducted special song services yesterday, either in conjunction with the regular service or to the exclusion of the usual service. At each church evergreens, holly, palms and flowers were prettily used in decorative style. An oratorio, entitled "The Prince of Peace," was sung at the Scranton Street Baptist church in the evening. The choir, whose usual number was materially added to, gave a splendid rendition of this beautiful piece, so much so that it will be repeated at next Sunday evening's service. The service was opened with the reading of Scripture, offering of prayer, and a few remarks by the pastor, Rev. S. F. Matthews. An organ prelude followed, after which the oratorio was sung.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Thomas D. Jones, Mrs. Randolph Jones and Miss Via Jones and David T. Evans. Duets by Mrs. Randolph Jones and Miss Via Jones, Mrs. Thomas D. Jones and Dr. B. G. Beddoe, Mrs. Thomas D. Jones and Miss Nellie Peckers, Quartette, by Mrs. A. Hanning, Miss Via Jones, David T. Evans and E. E. Lord. Mrs. Randolph Jones sang a soprano solo, with a male quartette accompaniment, comprising the following: Dr. B. G. Beddoe, William Reese, William W. Evans and E. E. Lord. In addition there was a male chorus and several full choruses. T. G. Evans was director and Mrs. R. G. Beddoe acted as accompanist.

The choir of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church rendered the devotional exercises usual for the Christmas festive season. Christmas day services consisted of matin service at 7 a. m., followed by an anthem and the singing of the places contained in the church ritual. Yesterday the song service found in the ritual was carried out in both services with pleasing effect. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., was in charge and preached a short sermon at each service. The song service at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church at both the regular services were of an elaborate nature. The singing was in charge of Mrs. B. T. Jayne and Miss Edith Swingle, organist, and Prof. R. J. Hamer, violinist, accompanist. Here, as at the other churches, a large congregation was present. At the morning service the exercises were opened with an organ prelude. This was followed by the singing of hymns, anthems and solos. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Moffatt, preached from Luke II:14: "And on earth peace and good-will toward men."

EVENING ADDRESS.

In the evening the pastor gave a short address, his text being "There was no room for them in the inn." There were the usual anthems by the augmented choir, scriptural readings and hymns. A solo was sung by Miss Smith, with violin accompaniment and a quartette by the Misses Phoebe Jane and Anna Jones, Mrs. B. T. Jayne and Mrs. M. J. Williams.

Prelude and offertory were rendered by Miss Swingle, organist, and Prof. Hamer, violinist. The choir of the Simpson Methodist church gave a beautiful song service in the evening instead of the regular service. W. W. Jones, the chorister, was in charge and Walter Davis, organist, acted as accompanist. A Eucopa Morse accompanied with the saxophone. The opening number was an anthem, in which Miss Mary Edwards and Harry A. Wrigley sang the recitative parts. Solos were sung by Miss Ella Godshall and Thomas Adams. The trio, "Praise to Our Great Creator," by Miss Godshall, Mrs. Lewis and Thomas Adams was especially fine. The choir sang several anthems and a short address was given by the pastor.

At the First Welsh Congregational church the special song service was given in the evening by the choir, under the leadership of William J. Davis, chorister. Many of the solos were given by members of the church, but some here before going to the other services. Miss Norma Williams was accompanist. The service was begun with a hymn, reading of scriptures and a short address by the pastor. The ladies' chorus, "Speak With Us, Lord," and the double quartette were especially good. The members of the chorus were Mrs. G. W. Powell and the Misses Elizabeth Humphreys, Annie Roberts, Elizabeth Jenkins and Rachel Griffiths. Mrs. G. W. Powell, the Misses Annie Humphreys, Elizabeth Jenkins and Rachel Griffiths, and David Jenkins, William Reese, David Davis and David Stephens formed the double quartette. Solos were sung by the Misses Elizabeth Jones, Ellen Thomas, Margaret Davis, Sarah Davis, David Davis, John W. Jones, David Jenkins, David Stephens, Thomas Evans and Abraham Evans. A trio, "How Excellent," by Daniel Prothero, Miss Bar, and a Welsh recitation by John T. Davies, completed the programme.

SUMNER AVENUE CHURCH.

In addition to the regular congregational singing at the evening service at the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, under the direction of Chorister Bezzel Davies, solos and a quartette piece were sung. The solos were rendered by Mrs. L. R. Foster and the Misses Kenwood and Fisher. Mrs. L. R. Foster, Mrs. John Griffiths, Ira Davies and Bezzel Davies formed the quartette. The pastor, Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., preached a short sermon, Mrs. John L. James, organist, was accompanist.

The song service of the Jackson Street Baptist church, of which Rev. Thomas De Gruchy is pastor, was very fine. In the morning, in addition to the anthems, etc., Miss Martha Nicholls sang "White Star" in a pleasing manner. At the evening service, solos were rendered by Miss Edith Davis and Morris Thomas, in addition to the choir's singing. The pastor preached a short sermon at each service.

At the First Welsh Baptist church, in addition to the choir singing at the evening service, solos were rendered by Miss Martin Jones, Thomas Williams and William Hughes.

At St. David's Episcopal church the choir rendered very fine music at the regular services. The choir at the Plymouth Congre-

gational church rendered extra Christmas music at both services, which was excellent.

CHRISTMAS DAY AND EVENING.

The poor children of every class, and to the number of 400 on this side, were royally fed and entertained Christmas day at the Salvator Army barracks by the local corps. The barracks were really decorated and arranged about the hall were long tables upon which were spread all kinds of delicacies. The food, which was an alloy given at the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, Friday evening, by the members of the Band of Hope, will be repeated at the church this evening. This is done to accommodate the many who found impossible to get in the church at the cantata's first production. At the conclusion of the exercises, small gifts will be distributed and the prize of a five dollar gold piece will be given to Miss Annie Davis, who sold the greatest number of tickets.

An informal gathering will be held at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church this evening by the members of the Sabbath school. The affair will be held in the lecture room of the church, and a programme of appropriate exercises will be carried out under the direction of Prof. D. A. Stone. The young people are cordially invited to attend. This is the school's usual observance of the Christmas festivities. The musical part of the programme will be re-arranged at the annual congregational meeting next week. Mrs. B. T. Jayne, who has had charge of the choir for several years, has severed her connection with the choir and last evening was her last appearance as director.

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MINOR NEWS NOTES.

The cantata, entitled "The Story of the Nativity," which was given at the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, Friday evening, by the members of the Band of Hope, will be repeated at the church this evening. This is done to accommodate the many who found impossible to get in the church at the cantata's first production. At the conclusion of the exercises, small gifts will be distributed and the prize of a five dollar gold piece will be given to Miss Annie Davis, who sold the greatest number of tickets.

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The members of the Plymouth Congregational church entertained their friends and patrons with the cantata entitled "The Counterfeit Santa Claus."

There was a large attendance and the decorations and stage settings were very pretty. Thomas Roberts, as a real, and Nathaniel Davis as the counterfeit Santa Claus, ably carried out their parts, as did the minor participants. Homer Reese was in charge.

The Scranton Street Baptist church was artistically decorated in connection with the rendition of the cantata "The Counterfeit Santa Claus" by the members of the Band of Hope. The decorations were the handiwork of a large committee, of which the pastor, Rev. S. F. Matthews, Mrs. M. J. Williams, Mrs. B. G. Beddoe took care of the musical part of the exercises and the creditable way in which the singing was done indicated her care. The recitative parts were equally good. Dr. T. M. Sandercock sang Santa Claus. Small gifts were distributed at the conclusion of the exercises.

ONE MAN BADLY INJURED.

A fight among men who gathered at the boarding house run by Joseph Ricavitch, on North Van Buren avenue, yesterday afternoon, resulted in the boarding house being set up. His condition is serious and three or four alleged assailants are in the West Side station house in default of \$300 bail each for their appearance at court. A warrant for their arrest was sworn out by the injured man's brother George, before Alderman Johns and Detective Leysch and Constable Tim Jones corralled the men. Alderman Johns held the hearing. These drunken brawls are fast becoming a general occurrence in the streets of Van Buren, Grant and Sherman avenues, near Price street, where several communities of these Polanders reside. The names of the men arrested are Andrew Givochick, George Stancavitch and Charles Capres.

TWO FUNERALS.

The funeral services of the late Thomas James, were held yesterday afternoon at the residence, 147 Morris court. A large number of friends and relatives were in attendance. The floral tributes were very beautiful. Rev. Thomas De Gruchy, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, officiated and preached the funeral sermon. At the conclusion of the services, the remains were viewed and accompanied by a large funeral cortege were borne to the Washburn street cemetery where interment was made. The pallbearers were: Daniel Beaton, Simon Jones, Henry H. Jones, John Rogers, William Quilan and Henry Watson.

The funeral services of the late John Connell were held Saturday morning. The remains were borne from the residence, 910 West Lackawanna avenue, to St. Patrick's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. P. McNally. There was a large attendance of friends at the services, and many went to the cemetery.

UNDER AN OPERATION.

While other boys were enjoying the Christmas day joys, Albert, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Selden P. Devoe, of 301 North Rebecca avenue, was undergoing an operation which was necessary to save his life. The boy had been ill from appendicitis for several days and Saturday it was decided to adopt the extreme measure. In the afternoon, Drs. F. C. Hall, A. A. Lindabury and G. B. Leach performed the delicate operation and the lad is doing as well as could be expected. He bore the shock splendidly, considering his condition, and in a few days will be out of danger.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan P. Daniels, of Division street, are entertaining James Edwards and daughter, of Kingston. Henry Hagen, of Tenth street, is spending the holidays in New York city.

Miss Julia Long and brother, of North Main avenue, are in New York city. George Cassidy, of Ashley, is the guest of Charles Sweet, of North Hyde Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fern, of North Sumner avenue, enjoyed a family reunion Saturday evening at their home. Their married sons and daughters and their families were present. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Powell, of North Garfield avenue, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, of Edwardsdale, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swingle, of Hayes, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leysch, of North Bromley avenue.

Miss Kennedy, of the West Side hospital, has as her guest her brother, W. H. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, a student at the medical college.

Samuel Jones, of Edwardsdale, is the guest of Joshua Davis, of North Lincoln avenue.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will hold their Christmas exercises in the church Tuesday evening.

Mrs. K. Bliss, of Sanderson avenue, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Merriam, of Waverly.

Miss Ada Cokely, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Justice, of the Hotel Hamilton, near Finney Dunn, of East Market street, in lying at the point of death.

Mrs. William Lord, of Gettys, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Barler, of Delaware street.

The choir at the Primitive Methodist church rendered special Christmas music last evening in the church.

The Christmas exercises at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church were observed Saturday evening in the most appropriate manner. At the close of the exercises Mr. Seward, one of the oldest members of the Sunday school, was presented with the following special message: "Bene-dictio, Mr. Laney in well chosen words made the presentation. Mr. Seward in accepting it made a touching response."

At the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church yesterday morning there was a recitation of the names, and the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered. In the evening the pastor, Rev. A. F. Cheffe, delivered a special Christmas sermon. The following special message was rendered by the choir under the direction of W. H. Laney:

Organ Prelude—Mrs. John Baker Anthem, "Hail to the King"—A. Blerly Anthem, "The Watching Shepherd." Solo, "Star of Bethlehem"—Adams W. H. Laney. Anthem, "We Have Seen His Star." Fearis Male Quartette, "Star of Bethlehem." Choir—Soprano, Misses Dorsey, Ingrid, Shook, Benedict, Dawson, Mrs. Fear, Mrs. Farrell, Alice, Misses Peck, Ingrid, Juris; tenors, Messrs. Laney, Benson, Safford; organist, Mrs. E. E. Bond; Fear, Kellow; organist, Mrs. John Baker; chorister, W. H. Laney.

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THE GREEN RIDGE FAIR.

There will be special attractions each night this week.

That Rev. P. J. McManus is a very popular priest was attested by the large throng of visitors that attended his parish in the Christmas afternoon and evening. The church hall where in the fair is being conducted was crowded all the time and when the day was over the booths had a rather bare appearance.

They are to be replenished, however, and the fair will continue for two weeks. Special attractions have been arranged for every evening this week. This evening there will be dancing by the Lally children; a vocal solo by Miss Sadie Dougherty, of Dunmore, and a recitation by Miss Agnes Callahan.

Ticket No. 525 won the door prize Saturday night.

SOUTH SCRANTON.

Last Friday and Saturday the Workmen's fair was closed to give the men an opportunity to attend to the home Christmas affairs. On Thursday all the large children and a number of the ladies in the Home for the Friendless visited this fair, in charge of the matron. The children enjoyed the music of the band and all the other good things very much. As the evening was set, it was decided to send their presents to the Home instead of letting the children carry them. The fair will be open again this evening, but will continue for several days. The committee expects to auction off everything left over on next Wednesday and this will be a rare chance to get many good things for little money. Guth's band will play on Tuesday and the much admired American flag drill will be featured by the girls in response to the many requests this evening. The contests for a gold watch and also the one for a ring will be closed on Tuesday evening and the winner declared.

OLD FORGE.

Mrs. William Foote was visiting at the home of E. Foote this week.

Rev. and Mrs. D. S. D. were visitors to Scranton on Thursday.

Word was received on Thursday by William Kemp of the death of his brother-in-law, Charles Robinson, of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Robinson was a former resident of Scranton and was manager of the Grand Union Tea company's store in Albany. He leaves a wife and one child.

Andrew Kennedy, S. Brodhead, Jr., and Charles Jones, attended the Masonic banquet in Princeton on Wednesday evening.

Joseph Jones and George Safford left on Friday to spend Christmas in New York city.

The pupils of the Old Forge high school rendered a fine programme before a large audience on Thursday evening. Great credit is due the Misses Lizette Williams and Gertrude Simmons for their work in training the children.

The public schools closed on Thursday for the holidays. They will reopen on Monday, January 5.

William Drake is home from Lehigh university to spend the holidays.

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